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Masaaki HATANO et al.)	Allowed: January 11, 2005
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Application No.: 09/816,177 ✓)	Group Art Unit: 2813
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Filed: March 26, 2001)	Examiner: J. Mitchell
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE)	Confirmation No.: 7586

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**LETTER REQUESTING ACKNOWLEDGMENT
OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
FILED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97**

An Information Disclosure Statement was filed in this application on June 15, 2004. In reviewing our files, we find that we have not received from your Office a copy of the Form PTO-1449 which would serve as acknowledgment of receipt of the Information Disclosure Statement and as an indication that the documents were considered by the Examiner.

A copy of the Information Disclosure Statement, the Information Disclosure Citation on Form PTO-1449, and of the postcard that was filed with the Information Disclosure Statement and was stamped by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to indicate receipt of the papers, is attached.

The Examiner is respectfully requested either to send undersigned a duplicate of the copy of the Form PTO-1449 or issue a Supplemental Notice of Allowability (PTOL-37) which both acknowledges receipt of the Information Disclosure Statement and the Information Disclosure Citation, and indicates that the documents were considered by the Examiner.

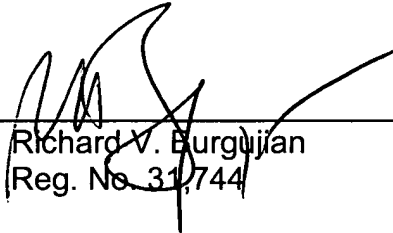
Respectfully submitted,

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO-1449 form. Applicants file this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) after the period set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), but before the mailing date of either a Final action, Quayle action, or a Notice of Allowance, to the undersigned representative's knowledge at the time of filing this IDS. This IDS supplements the IDS filed April 2, 2004.

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement includes the following certification as specified by Section 1.97(e): The documents listed in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement were first cited in an Office Action mailed by the Japanese Patent Office on April 27, 2004 in counterpart foreign Application No. 2000-

086383, and this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the mailing date of that communication.

Copies of the listed documents are enclosed. In lieu of a statement of relevance or translation of the non-English documents, copies of the Japanese Patent Office Action for Application No. 2000-086383 dated April 27, 2004, and its English translation, citing those documents and setting forth the relevance thereof, are enclosed. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate their consideration by making appropriate notation on the attached PTO-1449 form.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If the Examiner applies either of the documents as prior art against any claims in the application and Applicants determine that the cited documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

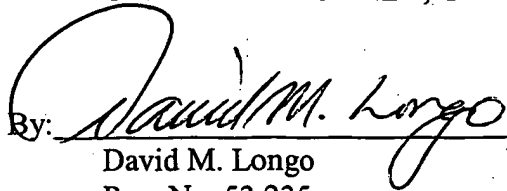
Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should either of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Statement, please charge the
fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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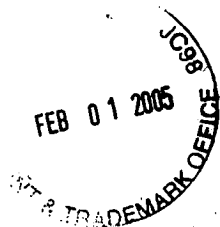
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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11-135630	May 1999	Japan			No
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1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, including Form PTO-1449, copy of Japanese Patent Office Action mailed April 27, 2004 and its English translation, and two cited documents

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